

Shields Travel Planning Area

A. Alternative Travel Area Goals, Objectives, Standards and Guidelines

Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternative 1

Alternative 1 is the “no action” alternative. There would be no changes to current management direction applicable to travel management.

Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternatives 2 through 7-M

GOAL 1: Summer Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for summer recreation use with an emphasis on regulated motorized/mountain bike use in the Smith Creek portion of the Travel Planning Area and non-motorized uses in the upper Shields portion. Opportunities for pleasure driving will also be accommodated. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 1-1a: Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of summer recreation use. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6, however, the amount of opportunity varies among alternatives as shown in the following table. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 125 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Pleasure Driving							
Miles of Road	14	14	15	15	15	15	15
Backcountry Roads (4x4)							
Miles of Road	18	18	23	23	23	18	23
ATV							
Miles of Road	7	7	53	42	33	30	37
Miles of Trail	11	10	22	16	6	0	6
Total Miles	18	17	75	58	39	30	43
Motorcycle							
Miles of Road	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Miles of Trail	0	1	3	3	0	0	6
Total Miles	0	1	3	3	1	0	6
Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Road	44	44	58	58	58	58	47
Miles of Trail	21	21	16	16	16	16	13
Total Miles	65	65	74	74	74	74	60
Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	3	3	3	3	0**
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	21	18	7	7	21	21	19
Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	3	12	12	0**	0**	2

Table II – 125 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Hiking (Use Emphasized)							
Miles of Trail	21	21	16	16	16	23	21
Hiking (Use Allowed)							
Miles of Trail	0*	0*	5	5	5	0*	0
* Use for this activity is not prohibited on any trails; use is either emphasized or allowed.							
** Use for this activity is prohibited on some trails.							

OBJ. 1-1b: Achieve the summer recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 1 through the route-by-route management decisions made through this Travel Plan. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for summer uses under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

OBJ. 1-2: Provide a hiking and stock trail connecting the Shields drainage to the American Fork. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 3 through 7-M. This objective does not apply to Alternative 2, because it is designed to be similar to the no action alternative and investments in new routes are minimal.*

OBJ. 1-3: Restore and designate old roads for motorized opportunities and mountain bike use. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 3, 4 and 7-M. This objective does not apply to Alternative 2, because it is designed to be similar to the no action alternative and investments in new routes are minimal. This objective is not included in Alternatives 5 and 6, instead favoring reducing open motorized route density in this area.*

GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use. Provide opportunities for winter recreation use including both snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 2-1a: Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of winter recreation use. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6, however, the amount of opportunity varies among alternatives as shown in the following tables. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

Table II – 126 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Pleasure Driving (Plowed Road)							
Miles of Plowed Road	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Snowmobiling							
Miles of Groomed Trail	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Miles of Marked Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	15	15	15	15	15	15	15

Table II – 126 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles							
All mileages are approximate							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Cross-country Skiing							
Miles of Groomed Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles of Marked Trail	3	3	3	3	3	3	6
Total Miles	3	3	3	3	3	3	6

Table II - 127 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres							
Recreation Opportunity	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4	Alt. 5	Alt. 6	Alt. 7-M
Snowmobiling							
Yearlong Closure							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	0	0	275	275	3,333	275	3,805
Seasonal Closure ^{2/}							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	14,309	14,309	14,309	14,309	14,309	14,309	14,309
No Restrictions							
Wilderness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Wilderness	18,661	18,661	18,386	18,386	15,328	18,386	14,856
Net	32,970	32,970	32,970	32,970	32,970	32,970	32,970
^{2/} Note: Seasonal restrictions are displayed under the route-by-route management section.							

OBJ. 2-1b: Achieve the winter recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 2 through the marked and groomed route management decisions made through this Travel Plan along with decisions made on the area available to snowmobiles. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for winter uses under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

GOAL 3: Fisheries. Provide habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in upper Shields River and Smith Creek watersheds including the South Fork Shields, Smith Creek and Dugout Creek in section 17, T5N, R11E. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

OBJ. 3-1: Reduce contributed sediment from the road and trail system in the upper Shields and Smith Creek watersheds to achieve Yellowstone cutthroat trout habitat at 90% of its potential habitat capability. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

GOAL 4a: Other Resource Protection. Provide a road system that accommodates traffic consistent with protecting soil and watershed condition. *This goal is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6.*

OBJ. 4a-1: Schedule road maintenance to prevent erosion in the East Fork of Smith Creek and Crandall Creek. *This objective is applicable to Alternatives 2 through 6.*

GOAL 4b: Other Resource Protection. Provide a road and trail system that accommodates traffic consistent with protecting soil and watershed condition. *This goal applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

OBJ. 4b-1: Repair damage to road and trail system and schedule maintenance to attain conditions that are non-erosive. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

OBJ. 4b-2: Provide interpretive/educational signing along motorized routes and in affected areas, asking motorized users seeking camp spots to stay out of wet, muddy and shrubby areas, and to keep vehicles (and campsites) a minimum distance (e.g. 50 feet) from lakes, ponds, rivers and streams. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

GOAL 5: Migration Corridors. Provide for wildlife migration and movement from the Shields area to and from the Castle and Little Belt Mountains. *This goal applies to Alternatives 5 through 7-M.*

This goal is pursued through the route-by-route management decisions associated with this Travel Planning Area.

B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management

[See attached table.](#)

